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- 1. (U) REF (A) REPORTED HIGH LEVEL UAE DF INTEREST IN OBTAINING SCHEDULES OF US ARMY TRAINING COURSES OPEN TO FOREIGN MILITARY PERSONNEL. REF (B) INVOLVED DISCUSSIONS OF DESIRABILITY OF EUCOM SPECIALIST IN FOREIGN MILITARY TRAINING VISITING ABU DHABI TO CONFER WITH UAE DF ON THEIR OVIDNMTRAINING NEEDS AND TO HELP IDENTIFY SPECIFIC TRAINING DESIRED IN US MILITARY SCHOOLS.
- 2. (A) GIVEN WIDE-RANGING AND SOMEWHAT UNSPECIFIC
 NATURE OF UAE DF INTERST IN US MILITARY TRAINING, WE
 CONSIDER THAT TIME HAS COME FOR DIRECT CONTACT
 BETWEEN US AND UAE MILITARY ON SUBJECT OF TRAINING.
 WITHOUT DATT OR OTHER PERSONNEL KNOWLEDGEABLE
 IN THESE MATTERS, EMBASSY CAN ONLY SERVE AS
 CONDUIT FOR MESSAGES BETWEEN UAE DF AND US MILITARY
 SERVICES. WE FOR EXAMPLE QUITE UNABLE TO ANSWER FROM OUR
 OWN KNOWLEDGE OR EXPERIENCE QUESTIONS OF TRAINING
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POLICY OR DETAILS ON INDIVIDUAL COURSES AND STUDENT PREREQUISITES.

3. (U) ACCORDINTLY, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO HAVE VISIT TO ABU DHABI BY EXPERIENCED MILITARY TRAINING SPECIALISP(S) WHO WOULD BE IN POSITION TO GO OVER WITH UAE DF DIRECTOR OF TRAINING AND WITH INDI-

VIDUAL SERVICE COMMANDERS THEIR CURRENT AND PROJECTED REQUIREMENTS FOR MILITARY TRAINING ABROAD. AT SAME TIME US SPECIALIST COULD EXPLAIN TO UAE DF OR FOREIGN MILITARY TRAINING POLICIES (INCLUDING NEED FOR HIGH STANDARD OF ENGLISH PROFICIENCY) AND DISCUSS TYPES AND LEVELS OF COURSES IN US MILITARY SCHOOLS THAT WOULD BEST MESH WITH UAE DF TRAINING PROJECTIONS. SPECIALIST WOULD WE HOPE ALSO BE ABLE TO DESCRIBE FMS SALES CASE PROCEDURES AS REGARDS TRAINING. IN ADDITION, IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IF SPECIALIST COULD REVIEW STATUS OF UAE DF ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING (ELT) PROGRAMS WITH VIEW TO PREPARING RECOMMENDATIONS ON WAYS IN WHICH THESE MAY BE STRENGTHENED TO ENABLE UAE PERSONNEL MEET US STANDARDS. (BEGIN LIMITED OFF-ICIAL USE): AS INDICATED ABU DHABI 2171, UAE DF UNWILLING TO SEND ITS FEW QUALIFIED PILOTS FOR C-130 CONVERSION TRAINING IN US GIVEN LENGTHY PERIOD OF ELT REQUIRED TO BRING UAE PERSONNEL UP TO REQUIRED MINIMUM LEVEL OF ENG-LISH PROFICIENCY. IF IS OUR IMPRESSION RELATIVELY FEW UAE MILITARY PERSONNEL AT PRESENT HAVE MINIMUM ENGLISH PRO-FICIENCY REOUIRED FOR MOST US TRAINING PROGRAMS. (END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

4. (U) ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORIZATION TO INFORM UAE DF, IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST REPORTED REF (A), THAT US SERVICES WOULD BE PLEASED TO SUPPLY UWI DF WITH COPIES OF TRAINING SCHEDULES FOR COURSES IN US MILITARY SCHOOLS OPEN TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOREIGN TRAINEES. ALSO, THAT DELIVERY OF SCHEDULES SHOULD BE TIMED WITH VISIT TO UAE OF US MILITARY TRAINING SPECIALIST WHO WOULD BE PREPARED TO HELP DEFINE UAE DF ANTICIPATED REQUIREMENTS FOR US TRAINING AND ASSIST UAE DF IDENTIFY COURSES APPROPRIATE TO THEIR REQUIREMENTS AND TO LEVELS OF QUALIFICATION OF UAE MILITARY PERSONNEL.

5. (U) ASSUMING STATE/DOD AUTHORIZATION GRANTED AND UAE DF CONCUR, WE PROPOSE TENTATIVELY THAT TRAINING SPECIALIST PLAN VISIT ABU DHABI EITHER IN LAST TEN DAYS OF SEPTEMBER (FOLLOWING CONCULSION OF RAMADAN FASTING) OR MID-OCTOBER. DICKMAN

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